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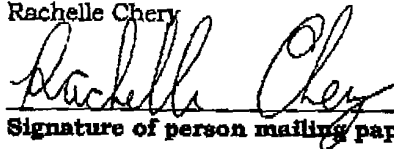
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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 8) mailed on 1 April 2003. Enclosed with this paper is a Fee Transmittal Form, a Petition and Fee for a 2-month extension of time, and a Certificate of Facsimile.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

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